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For : WASH WATER-CIRCULATING APPARATUS FOR WASHING
MACHINES AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed on May 3, 2006 and July 6, 2005, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a European Search Report dated September 22, 2008 with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. 04009313.0, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) DE 19908804 A1, which is being submitted along with an English language Abstract thereof;
- (2) WO 01/44557 A1, and patent family member US 2002/0178764;
- (3) EP 0464776 A1;
- (4) US 3478374;
- (5) DE 2013716 A1; and
- (6) EP 0721761 A2, and patent family member US 5722263.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the European claims by the European Examiner, is set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

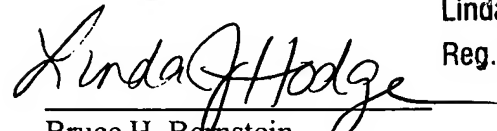
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign and international documents are attached hereto, and all of the documents are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449 (except for US 2002/0178764 which was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 3, 2006). A copy of the European Search Report is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form, and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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